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SUBJECT: SPANISH VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE ARIAS GRAZIANI

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1. PRESS COVERAGE HERE ON SUBJECT VISIT WAS QUITE LIMITED AS IS USUALLY THE CASE WITH VISITS OF COMMERCE MINISTERS. ARIAS WAS RECEIVED MARCH 30 AT MADRID'S BARAJAS AIRPORT BY GOS COMMERCE MINISTER CALVO-SOTELO. LATTER, PER PRESS REPORT, STATED IN RESPONSE TO ARIAS' STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT TRADE BETWEEN PERU AND SPAIN IN 1975 WAS EXCESSIVELY LOW AND WAYS HAD TO BE FOUND TO INCREASE IT, THAT FISHMEAL WHICH HAD BEEN SPAIN'S PRINCIPAL IMPORT FROM PERU (100,000 TONS WORTH \$20 MILLION IN 1974) WOULD NOT ENTER TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AGAIN SINCE SPAIN HAD TO PROTECT ITS OWN INDUSTRY THROUGH A SPECIAL TAX. ARIAS LATER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER HIS BUCHAREST VISIT DURING WHICH TRANSACTIONS TOTALLING \$36 MILLION FOR 1976 WERE CONCLUDED AND CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED THROUGH 1980.

2. ARIAS REPORTED TO HAVE MET NEXT DAY FOR WORKING SESSIONS AND A LUNCHEON AT SPAIN'S INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIA (INI) WITH INI OFFICIALS AND THE UNDERSECRETARIES OF INDUSTRY AND
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COMMERCE AND THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN.

3. AT THE MADRID AIRPORT DEPARTURE ON APRIL 1 ARIAS WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE HAVE EXAMINED A SERIES OF PROJECTS WHICH
WE BELIEVE ARE POSSIBLE AND WE ARE CERTAIN THAT IN THE NEAR
FUTURE WE WILL HAVE GOOD NEWS. THERE WILL BE CONTACTS AT
THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. THERE ARE IN SIGHT ACCORDS REGARDING OUR
EXPORTS OF IRON ORE AND COTTON AS WELL AS SPANISH INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTS TO PERU."
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